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**"AN ACT CONCERNING CERTAIN REVISIONS AND TECHNICAL  
CHANGES TO THE ELECTION LAWS."**

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- 1 In line 7, bracket "machine" and then insert "tabulator"
  - 2 Delete section 7 in its entirety and renumber the remaining sections
  - 3 accordingly
  - 4 In line 594, strike the closing bracket
  - 5 In line 595, insert a closing bracket after "statutes" and then insert
  - 6 the following: "a court contest brought pursuant to chapter 149"
  - 7 In line 599, strike "also" and insert "be deemed to"
  - 8 Strike lines 773 to 784, inclusive, in their entirety and insert the
  - 9 following in lieu thereof:
  - 10 "Sec. 20. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2009*) Any elector who is
  - 11 permanently disabled and who files an application for an absentee
  - 12 ballot with a certification from a primary care provider, indicating that

13 such elector is permanently disabled and unable to appear in person at  
14 such elector's designated polling location, shall be eligible for  
15 permanent absentee ballot status and shall receive an application for  
16 an absentee ballot for each election, primary or referendum conducted  
17 in such elector's municipality for which such elector is eligible to vote.  
18 Such elector's permanent absentee ballot status shall remain in effect  
19 until such elector: (1) Is removed from the official registry list of the  
20 municipality, (2) is removed from permanent absentee ballot status  
21 pursuant to the provisions of this section, or (3) until the elector  
22 requests that he or she no longer receive such permanent absentee  
23 ballot status. The registrars of voters shall send written notice to each  
24 such elector with permanent absentee ballot status in January of each  
25 year, on a form prescribed by the Secretary of the State, for the purpose  
26 of determining if such elector continues to reside at the address  
27 indicated on their permanent absentee ballot application. If such  
28 written notice is not returned within thirty days or returned as  
29 undeliverable, the elector in question shall be removed from  
30 permanent absentee ballot status. If such elector indicates on such  
31 notice that they no longer reside at such address and the elector's new  
32 address is within the same municipality, the registrars of voters shall  
33 change the elector's address pursuant to section 9-35 of the general  
34 statutes and such elector shall retain their permanent absentee ballot  
35 status. If the elector indicates on such notice that they no longer live in  
36 the municipality, such elector shall be removed from the registry list of  
37 the municipality and the registrars of voters shall send such elector an  
38 application for voter registration. Failure to return such written notice  
39 shall not result in the removal of such individual from the official  
40 registry list of the municipality."

41 In line 788, after "be" insert "whenever practicable"

42 In line 809, insert an opening bracket before "Notwithstanding"  
43 and after "there" insert a closing bracket and "There"

44 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and  
45 internal references accordingly:

46 "Sec. 501. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The Secretary of the State, or  
47 the secretary's designee, may issue a directive during any primary or  
48 election, including, but not limited to, a directive to the State Elections  
49 Enforcement Commission to enforce any regulation adopted by the  
50 Secretary of the State. Such directive shall be enforced in accordance  
51 with the provisions of section 9-3 of the general statutes, as amended  
52 by this act.

53 Sec. 502. Section 9-3 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
54 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

55 The Secretary of the State, by virtue of the office, shall be the  
56 Commissioner of Elections of the state, with such powers and duties  
57 relating to the conduct of elections as are prescribed by law and, unless  
58 otherwise provided by state statute, the secretary's regulations,  
59 declaratory rulings, directives, instructions and opinions, if in written  
60 form, shall be presumed as correctly interpreting and effectuating the  
61 administration of elections and primaries under this title, except for  
62 chapter 155, provided nothing in this section shall be construed to alter  
63 the right of appeal provided under the provisions of chapter 54.  
64 Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the enforcement  
65 of a directive issued by the Secretary of the State, or the secretary's  
66 designee, concerning any primary or election.

67 Sec. 503. Section 9-4b of the general statutes is repealed and the  
68 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

69 The Secretary of the State shall, within available appropriations,  
70 establish an elections and compliance training unit to coordinate all  
71 training for registrars of voters, deputy registrars of voters, permanent  
72 assistant registrars of voters as described in section 9-192 and poll  
73 workers and to assure compliance with all applicable federal and state  
74 statutes and regulations by persons holding such office or designation.  
75 Such unit [shall] may employ [at least one person] such persons as are  
76 necessary to fulfill the requirements of this section, including but not  
77 limited to, persons having field experience in the conduct of elections.

78       Sec. 504. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The Secretary of the State,  
79       within available appropriations, shall have oversight of all election  
80       recounts in the state. Notwithstanding any provision of the general  
81       statutes, not later than October 1, 2008, the Secretary of the State, in  
82       consultation with the registrars of voters, shall establish a procedure  
83       for the recount of ballots in any election that provides for the conduct  
84       of such recount to consist of a combination of hand recounts and  
85       recount by use of voting tabulators. Any such procedure shall only be  
86       utilized to conduct a recount if the candidates for such office agree to  
87       the utilization of such procedure rather than a recount performed by  
88       hand. The Secretary of the State shall establish a recount team that  
89       shall consist of five persons, except that in the case of a general  
90       election, such team shall consist of two members from each party with  
91       candidates on the ballot.

92       Sec. 505. Section 9-236 of the general statutes is amended by adding  
93       subsection (d) as follows (*Effective from passage*):

94       (NEW) (d) The Secretary of the State, or the secretary's designee,  
95       shall be allowed access to each polling place located within the state  
96       during any municipal, state or federal election or primary for the  
97       purpose of providing guidance and instruction concerning the  
98       requirements of state and federal election law, except that whenever  
99       the Secretary of the State is a candidate in such election or primary, the  
100       secretary shall not personally access such polling place for any reason,  
101       other than to cast the secretary's own ballot, and the secretary's  
102       designee for any such election or primary shall be limited to a civil  
103       service classified employee.

104       Sec. 506. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*): Notwithstanding any  
105       provision of the general statutes, any recanvass conducted pursuant to  
106       chapter 148 of the general statutes shall be completed as soon as is  
107       practicable but in no case later than ten business days after such  
108       election.

109       Sec. 507. Section 9-35 of the general statutes is repealed and the

110 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2008*):

111 (a) The registrars of voters, on the Tuesday of the fifth week before  
112 each regular election, shall [be in session for the purpose of completing  
113 a correct] complete a list of all electors who will be entitled to vote at  
114 such election. Such registry list shall consist of an active registry list  
115 and an inactive registry list. [Such session shall be held during such  
116 hours between nine o'clock a.m. and five o'clock p.m. as the registrars  
117 find necessary to complete the list. Notice of such session shall be  
118 given at least five days before the session by publication in a  
119 newspaper having a circulation in such municipality, if any, and by  
120 posting on the signpost therein, if any, or at some other exterior place  
121 near the office of the town clerk. Such publication shall not be required  
122 to be in the form of a legal advertisement.]

123 (b) [At such session and on any day except on the day of an election  
124 or primary, the registrars] On a routine basis throughout the year, the  
125 registrars of voters shall remove from the list the name of each elector  
126 who has died, who has been disfranchised or who has confirmed in  
127 writing that the elector has moved out of the municipality, except  
128 electors entitled to remain on such list under the provisions of this  
129 chapter. An elector shall be deemed to have confirmed in writing that  
130 the elector has moved out of the municipality if (1) the elector has  
131 submitted a change of address form for purposes of a state motor  
132 vehicle operator's license, unless the elector states on the form that the  
133 change of address is not for voter registration purposes, (2) the elector  
134 has submitted a change of address form to a voter registration agency,  
135 as defined in section 9-23n, and such agency has provided such change  
136 of address to the registrars of voters, or (3) the registrars of voters have  
137 received a cancellation of previous registration from any other election  
138 official indicating that such elector has registered as an elector outside  
139 such municipality.

140 (c) Whenever the registrars of voters of a town remove from the  
141 registry list the name of an elector who has submitted a change of  
142 address to the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles or a voter registration

143 agency under subdivision (1) or (2) of subsection (b) of this section,  
144 indicating that the elector has moved out of such town, the registrars  
145 of voters shall send the elector, by forwardable mail to the elector's  
146 former address from such list or current address in the new town, (1) a  
147 notice of removal, (2) information explaining how to have the elector's  
148 name restored to such list, which shall be in a form prescribed by the  
149 Secretary of the State, and (3) a mail-in voter registration application  
150 which can be used by the elector to apply for admission as an elector in  
151 the new town. If such notice, information and application are sent to  
152 the elector's former address and are returned undeliverable, the  
153 registrars of voters shall mail such documents to the elector's address  
154 in the new town.

155 (d) The registrars of voters shall enter the names on such list by  
156 street and number of the house, when the houses are numbered, so  
157 that there shall be entered on the list first, the street, avenue or road;  
158 second, the number of the house or residence in numerical order or, if  
159 the registrars of any town find it more convenient, by odd and even  
160 numbers in numerical order; and third, the names of the electors in  
161 such house in alphabetical order. The names of any electors who  
162 cannot be so listed shall be listed alphabetically in the voting district  
163 wherein any such elector is a bona fide resident. The registrars of  
164 voters may consecutively number the names on the registry list, may  
165 include voter identification numbers for the names on the registry list,  
166 and may include a mark, as prescribed by the Secretary of the State,  
167 next to the name of each first-time registrant on the system who  
168 registers to vote on or after January 1, 2003, and does not provide  
169 identification with his or her mail-in voter registration application as  
170 provided in the Help America Vote Act, P.L. 107-252, as amended from  
171 time to time, provided such list shall comply in all respects with the  
172 requirements of law other than for the addition of such numbers and  
173 marks. The registrars of voters shall not use Social Security numbers  
174 for any such voter identification numbers.

175 (e) In any case in which the registrars of voters have obtained  
176 reliable information of an elector's change of address within the

177 municipality, they shall enter the name of such elector on the registry  
178 list at the place where the elector then resides, provided, if such  
179 reliable information is the National Change of Address System of the  
180 United States Postal Service, the [registrar] registrars of voters shall  
181 change the registry list and send the elector a notice of the change by  
182 forwardable mail and a postage prepaid preaddressed return form by  
183 which the elector may verify or correct the address information. If  
184 during the canvass the registrars of voters determine that an elector  
185 has moved out of town and such elector has not confirmed in writing  
186 that the elector has moved out of the town, the registrars of voters  
187 shall, not later than May first, send to the elector, by forwardable mail,  
188 a notice required by the National Voter Registration Act of 1993, P.L.  
189 103-31, as amended from time to time, together with a postage prepaid  
190 preaddressed return card on which the elector may state the elector's  
191 current address. In the year of a presidential preference primary, the  
192 registrars of voters shall send such notice not earlier than the date of  
193 such primary. If the [registrar does] registrars of voters do not receive  
194 the return card within thirty days after it is sent, the elector's name,  
195 including the name of an elector who has not voted in two consecutive  
196 federal elections, shall be placed on the inactive registry list for four  
197 years. At the expiration of such period of time on the inactive registry  
198 list, such name shall be removed from the registry list. If such elector  
199 applies to restore the elector's name to the active registry list or votes  
200 during such period, the elector's name shall be restored to the active  
201 registry list. Such registrars of voters shall retain a duplicate copy or  
202 data entry record of each such [notice] transaction in their office [or, if  
203 they do not have a permanent office, in the office space provided  
204 under section 9-5a,] and shall [note] record on such duplicate copy or  
205 record the date on which such notice was mailed. In each municipality,  
206 any elector, upon change of residence within the municipality, may  
207 cause the elector's registration to be transferred to the elector's new  
208 address by presenting to the registrars of voters a signed request  
209 [therefore, stating] for such transfer, such as a voter registration card  
210 with a change of address checked off, which states the elector's present  
211 address [, the date the elector moved to such address] and the address

212 at which the elector was last registered. The registrars of voters shall  
213 thereupon enter the elector's name on the list at the elector's new  
214 residence; provided no transfer of registration shall be made on the  
215 registry list on election day without the consent of both registrars. On  
216 election day, the name of such elector shall be added to the  
217 supplemental list after the appropriate paperwork is signed.

218 Sec. 508. Section 9-35a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
219 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2008*):

220 [Immediately after the close of the session or immediately after the  
221 sending of notice of intended removal provided for in section 9-35, the]  
222 The registrars of voters shall post at the town hall or municipal  
223 building in the municipality in which they serve, in a place readily  
224 accessible to the public, a list of the names of the electors whose names  
225 were removed from the registry list [at such session or will be removed  
226 on the date specified] in accordance with section 9-35, as amended by  
227 this act, together with the address of each such elector as it appeared  
228 on the registry list at the time the name was so removed. Together with  
229 such list, and as a part thereof, such registrars of voters shall also cause  
230 to be posted a statement that complete information as to such removal  
231 and as to the privileges and remedies of those whose names were  
232 removed from the registry list is available from such registrars of  
233 voters, specifying when and where such registrars of voters are  
234 available for such purpose and [, in the case of registrars of voters  
235 having office hours,] specifying such office hours for such registrars of  
236 voters.

237 Sec. 509. Section 9-36 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
238 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2008*):

239 The list for which provision is made in section 9-35, as amended by  
240 this act, shall be termed the preliminary registry list and such list shall  
241 be [completed, certified by such registrars and deposited in the town  
242 clerk's office, at least thirty-one days before the regular election, and  
243 shall be on file in such office] available in the office of the registrars of



244 voters for public inspection [until the next preliminary registry list has  
245 been completed and filed. In each municipality having a population of  
246 more than five thousand, a certified copy of such preliminary registry  
247 list for each voting district therein shall be completed, reproduced,  
248 certified by the registrars and posted in such municipality for public  
249 inspection on or before the Saturday of the fifth week before each  
250 regular election,] and copies shall be made available for distribution by  
251 the registrars of voters. Whenever the registrars of voters are not in  
252 their office, such list shall be placed outside of the office for public  
253 inspection. The registrars of voters shall, upon request, give to [a] any  
254 candidate for election [to the General Assembly] a copy of the  
255 preliminary registry list for each voting district [included in the  
256 General Assembly district] for which such person is a candidate.

257 Sec. 510. Section 9-37 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
258 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2008*):

259 [Each registrar shall keep a copy of the preliminary registry list for  
260 his use in revision. Such registrars shall give notice in such list of the  
261 times and places at which they will hold one or more sessions during  
262 the period between the Saturday of the fifth week before the regular  
263 election and the Saturday of the fourth week before the regular  
264 election, for the revision and correction of such list which, when  
265 completed, shall be termed the "final registry list" for such election. In  
266 each municipality having a population of more than five thousand,  
267 they shall also give notice of such times and places by publication in a  
268 newspaper circulating in such municipality and by posting the same  
269 on the signpost therein, if any, and at the office of the town clerk at  
270 least five days before the first of such sessions. The number of sessions  
271 shall be fixed by the registrars of each municipality. The registrars  
272 shall also hold sessions, of which no public notice need be given, for  
273 the purpose of correcting such preliminary list, and for the purpose of  
274 adding to such list the names of persons entitled to be registered  
275 thereon, on each day they are in session for the admission of electors  
276 pursuant to section 9-17, and they may also hold sessions for revision  
277 and correction of the registry list on any other day, except during the

278 period of six days preceding any regular election. On the fourteenth  
279 day before a primary, the registrars shall hold an additional session to  
280 hear such requests for adding names to the registry list, in accordance  
281 with the procedure provided in this section, and the registrars shall  
282 publish notice of such sessions in a newspaper having general  
283 circulation in such municipality at least five days before such sessions.  
284 Nothing in this section shall require that such publication be in the  
285 form of a legal advertisement.] The registrars of voters shall be  
286 available before all elections for revisions and corrections of the  
287 preliminary list which, when completed, shall be termed "the final  
288 registry list" for such election. In each municipality, availability of the  
289 registrars of voters shall be the posted office hours in such  
290 municipality for the registrars of voters.

291 Sec. 511. Section 9-38 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
292 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2008*):

293 The registrars of voters in all towns shall [, on the second Friday  
294 preceding a regular election, deposit in the town clerk's office the final  
295 registry list arranged as provided in section 9-35 and certified by them  
296 to be correct, and shall retain a sufficient number of copies to be used  
297 by them at such election for the purpose of checking the names of  
298 those who vote. They shall place on such final list, in the order  
299 provided in section 9-35, the names of all persons who have been  
300 admitted as electors. In each municipality said registrars shall also  
301 cause to be prepared and printed and deposited in the town clerk's  
302 office a supplementary or updated list containing the names and  
303 addresses of electors to be transferred, restored or added to such list  
304 prior to the fourth day before such election, provided in municipalities  
305 having a population of less than twenty-five thousand, such additional  
306 names may be inserted in writing in such final list. Such final registry  
307 list and supplementary or updated list deposited in the town clerk's  
308 office shall be on file in such office for public inspection for a period of  
309 two years, and any elector may make copies thereof] produce a final  
310 registry list arranged in accordance with the provisions of section 9-35,  
311 as amended by this act, and certified by the registrars of voters to be

312 correct. Such final registry list and supplementary or updated list shall  
313 be on file in the municipal clerk's office not later than the day before  
314 election day and shall be available in the registrars of voters' office for  
315 public inspection. Whenever the registrars of voters are not in their  
316 office, such list shall be placed outside of the office for public  
317 inspection. Any elector may request copies of such list.

318 Sec. 512. Section 9-39 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
319 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2008*):

320 The registrars of voters of each municipality shall, upon request,  
321 print copies of the final registry list for distribution in such  
322 municipality and in all the voting districts located therein. [, provided  
323 nothing in sections 9-12 to 9-45, inclusive, shall require the printing of  
324 more than one final registry list for any voting district in any one year.  
325 With each printing such registrars shall retain at least two copies of  
326 such lists and such copies shall be available for public use in the office  
327 of the registrars for a period of two years.] The registrars shall, upon  
328 request, give to [a] any candidate for election [to the General  
329 Assembly] a copy of the final registry list for each voting district  
330 [included in the General Assembly district] for which such person is a  
331 candidate and shall maintain such list, either on paper or in electronic  
332 format, for a period of two years.

333 Sec. 513. Section 9-50a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
334 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2008*):

335 The registrars of voters of each town shall [, on a monthly basis,]  
336 compile a list of (1) all persons whose names were added, restored,  
337 removed or erased from the active and inactive registry lists, [during  
338 the preceding month,] (2) all electors who changed either their names  
339 or addresses, [during such period] and (3) all persons sent notices  
340 required under the National Voter Registration Act of 1993, P.L. 103-  
341 31, as amended from time to time, and all persons who have replied to  
342 such notices. Such list shall include, but not be limited to, each such  
343 person's or elector's (A) name, (B) former name, [if changed during

344 such period,] (C) address, [including zip code,] (D) former address,  
345 [including zip code, if changed during such period,] (E) voting district,  
346 and (F) party affiliation, if any. The registrars shall make each such list  
347 available to the public [in accordance with the provisions of section 1-  
348 210] upon such request.

349 Sec. 514. Section 9-55 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
350 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2008*):

351 (a) The registrars of voters shall cause to be printed [at least once  
352 during the calendar year a sufficient number of copies of complete,  
353 corrected enrollment lists certified by them as correct, provided a  
354 supplementary or updated list shall be printed within one week after a  
355 session held on the fourteenth day before a primary] a complete  
356 enrollment list and shall make such list available to the public upon  
357 request.

358 (b) If a political party authorizes unaffiliated electors to vote in a  
359 primary, under section 9-431, and a notice of primary is published, the  
360 registrars shall cause a list of all unaffiliated electors eligible to vote in  
361 the primary to be printed [within one week after the session held on  
362 the fourteenth day] before such primary. If unaffiliated electors are  
363 authorized to vote in only one party's primary and are authorized to  
364 vote for all offices to be contested at the primary, the registrars may  
365 print the list of unaffiliated electors in combination with such party's  
366 enrollment list, indicating party affiliation where applicable.

367 (c) If the legislative body of the municipality votes to eliminate  
368 separate enrollment lists under section 9-54 and:

369 (1) Notices of primaries are published for two parties to be held on  
370 the same day, the registrars of voters shall print complete separate  
371 enrollment lists [within one week after the enrollment session held on  
372 the fourteenth day before the primary] and, if unaffiliated electors are  
373 authorized to vote in the primary, the registrars of voters shall print a  
374 separate list of unaffiliated electors as provided in subsection (b) of this  
375 section; or

376 (2) A notice of primary is published for one party in which  
377 unaffiliated electors are authorized to vote for some but not all offices  
378 to be contested at the primary, the registrars of voters shall print a  
379 complete separate enrollment list and a separate list of unaffiliated  
380 electors as provided in subsection (b) of this section; or

381 (3) A notice of primary is published for only one party and (A)  
382 unaffiliated electors are not authorized to vote, or (B) unaffiliated  
383 electors are authorized to vote for all offices to be contested at the  
384 primary, a registry list may be used as a checklist at the primary and  
385 the registrars of voters shall [, within one week after the session held  
386 on the fourteenth day before such primary,] print a supplementary or  
387 updated list indicating those electors who have become eligible to vote  
388 in the primary since the printing of the registry list.

389 (d) Whenever a list is required by this section to be printed, [within  
390 one week after the session held on the fourteenth day before the  
391 primary,] a supplement to such list shall be compiled by the registrars  
392 of voters of persons who after such date and prior to twelve o'clock  
393 noon of the last business day before the primary become eligible to  
394 vote in such primary. The registrars of voters may combine such  
395 separate compilation with the foregoing printed list [either by inserting  
396 the names in writing or] by reprinting the list or incorporating the  
397 supplementary [or updated list into a single printed] list.

398 (e) The registrars of voters shall [file one copy of each such list with  
399 the town clerk which copy shall be] make available for public use such  
400 list in the office of the [town clerk] registrars of voters until the  
401 printing of the next completed [, corrected] enrollment list; and they  
402 shall deliver to the chairman of the town committee of each political  
403 party [five] copies of each such list for each voting district in the town.  
404 Whenever the registrars of voters are not in their office, such list shall  
405 be placed outside of the office for public inspection. Upon request the  
406 registrars of voters shall give one complete set of such lists to each  
407 candidate for nomination for any office or for election as a town  
408 committee member. They shall deliver a sufficient number of copies

409 thereof to the moderator of each primary. [With each printing the  
410 registrars shall retain at least six copies of each such list and such  
411 copies shall be available for public use in the office of the registrars  
412 until the printing of the next complete, corrected enrollment list.] No  
413 petition brought under the provisions of section 9-63 shall operate to  
414 delay the completion and printing of such lists. If the petition of any  
415 elector is granted after any such list has been completed, the [registrar  
416 or assistant registrar] registrars of voters or assistant registrars of  
417 voters, as the case may be, shall issue to such elector a certificate  
418 showing that the elector is entitled to the privileges accompanying  
419 enrollment in the political party named in the elector's petition.

420 Sec. 515. Section 9-169g of the general statutes is repealed and the  
421 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2008*):

422 (a) The [town clerk] registrars of voters of any municipality (1)  
423 which is divided between two or more assembly districts, two or more  
424 senatorial districts or two or more congressional districts, or (2) which  
425 is not divided between any such districts but is divided into two or  
426 more voting districts for General Assembly or congressional elections,  
427 shall submit to the Secretary of the State a street map of the  
428 municipality which indicates the boundary lines of the voting districts  
429 established by the municipality in accordance with sections 9-169, as  
430 amended by this act, 9-169a and 9-169d. The [town clerk] registrars of  
431 voters shall submit such map to the [secretary] Secretary of the State  
432 (A) not later than July 30, 1997, if any such division is in effect on July  
433 1, 1997, or, if no such division is in effect on July 1, 1997, not later than  
434 thirty days after any such division first takes effect, and (B) not later  
435 than thirty days after any change in any such division takes effect.

436 (b) The Secretary of the State shall make such maps available to the  
437 General Assembly, for use by the General Assembly in carrying out its  
438 responsibilities under (1) Article XXVI of the Amendments to the  
439 Constitution of Connecticut, or any subsequent corresponding state  
440 constitutional provision, with regard to the redistricting of assembly,  
441 senatorial and congressional districts, and (2) Public Law 94-171,

442 concerning the establishment of a plan identifying the geographic  
443 areas for which specific tabulations of population are desired in the  
444 decennial census of the United States.

445 Sec. 516. Section 9-31a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
446 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2008*):

447 [(a) As used in this section and section 9-31b, "permanently  
448 physically disabled person" means a person who, by reason of a major  
449 defect or infirmity of body, whether congenital or acquired by  
450 accident, injury or disease, is permanently physically incapacitated to a  
451 degree that prevents him and will continue to prevent him from  
452 appearing in person at the office of the town clerk or registrars of the  
453 town where he temporarily or permanently resides.

454 (b) Any permanently physically disabled person may, in the manner  
455 prescribed under this section and upon a form as prescribed under  
456 section 9-31b, apply to the town clerk or either registrar of voters of  
457 such town for examination and admission as an elector of any  
458 Connecticut town. (1) In the case of a permanently physically disabled  
459 person whose qualifications as to age, citizenship or residence in such  
460 town are attained on or before the last session for admission of electors  
461 prior to an election to be held in the town, the application shall be  
462 submitted so that it will be received by such town clerk or either  
463 registrar of voters not later than such last session. Upon receipt of the  
464 application, the town clerk or either registrar of voters shall notify the  
465 applicant of the day, and the hour, such day to be within ten days of  
466 the receipt of the application, at which an admitting official shall meet  
467 with the applicant at the temporary or permanent residence of the  
468 applicant. (2) In the case of a permanently physically disabled person  
469 whose qualifications as to age, citizenship or residence in such town  
470 are attained after the last session for admission of electors prior to an  
471 election to be held in the town, the application shall be submitted so  
472 that it will be received by such town clerk or either registrar of voters  
473 not later than the opening of the limited session for the admission of  
474 electors held, under section 9-17, on the last weekday prior to the

475 election. Upon receipt of the application, the town clerk or either  
476 registrar of voters shall notify the applicant of the day, and the hour,  
477 such day and hour to be not later than 5:00 p.m. on the last weekday  
478 before the election, at which an admitting official shall meet with the  
479 applicant at the temporary or permanent residence of the applicant.

480 (c) Such admitting official shall meet at the appointed time with the  
481 applicant for the purpose of examining his qualifications as an elector  
482 and for the purpose of admitting him as an elector if the applicant is  
483 found qualified. Such official shall make available to the applicant at  
484 such time, upon request, a copy of the statement that specifies each  
485 eligibility requirement and contains an attestation that the applicant  
486 meets each such requirement (1) in video form in accordance with  
487 procedures established by the registrars of voters and (2) in braille,  
488 large print and audio form. Such official shall provide the applicant  
489 with a written notice of approval or disapproval at that time, except as  
490 otherwise provided in section 9-19e. Any person making application  
491 for registration under this section shall be entitled to the privileges of  
492 an elector and party enrollment, if applicable, from the time such  
493 application for admission as an elector is approved by the town clerk  
494 or registrars of voters of his voting residence.]

495 (a) Any disabled person who cannot register to vote by mail or in  
496 person at the office of the registrars of voters may request of the  
497 registrars of voters that an admitting official be sent to the person's  
498 residence to assist the applicant with the application for admission as  
499 an elector. The registrars of voters shall act promptly on any such  
500 request. If election-related materials in alternative formats are  
501 requested by such person, the registrars of voters shall provide such  
502 materials in accordance with any applicable state or federal law.

503 (b) In the case of a disabled person whose qualifications as to age,  
504 citizenship or residence in such town are attained after the last session  
505 for admission of electors prior to an election to be held in the town, the  
506 person shall be admitted by either registrar of voters not later than five  
507 o'clock p.m. on the last weekday before the election. An admitting



508 official shall meet with the applicant at the temporary or permanent  
509 residence of the applicant at such time of admission.

510 (c) Any person that makes application for admission as an elector  
511 pursuant to the provisions of this section shall be entitled to the  
512 privileges of an elector and party enrollment, if applicable, from the  
513 time such application for admission as an elector is approved by the  
514 registrars of voters.

515 Sec. 517. Subsection (a) of section 9-264 of the general statutes is  
516 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
517 *October 1, 2008*):

518 (a) An elector who requires assistance to vote, by reason of  
519 blindness, disability or inability to write or to read the ballot, may be  
520 given assistance by a person of the elector's choice, other than (1) the  
521 elector's employer, (2) an agent of such employer, [or] (3) an officer or  
522 agent of the elector's union, or (4) a candidate on the ballot. The  
523 registrars of voters or the assistant registrars of voters, as the case may  
524 be, shall request the name of the person providing assistance. If the  
525 elector refuses to provide the name of the person providing assistance,  
526 such refusal shall be recorded but shall not deny the elector the right to  
527 vote. The person assisting the elector may accompany the elector into  
528 the voting [machine] booth. Such person shall register such elector's  
529 vote upon the [machine] ballot as such elector directs. Any person  
530 accompanying an elector into the voting [machine] booth who deceives  
531 any elector in registering [his] the elector's vote under this section or  
532 seeks to influence any elector while in the act of voting, or who  
533 registers any vote for any elector or on any question other than as  
534 requested by such elector, or who gives information to any person as  
535 to what person or persons such elector voted for, or how [he] the  
536 elector voted on any question, shall be fined not more than one  
537 thousand dollars or imprisoned not more than five years, or both.

538 Sec. 518. Section 9-297 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
539 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2008*):

540 No official or other person at any election shall, in the [enclosure  
541 where the ballot box and stub box are placed, or in any room or booth  
542 herein mentioned,] polling place, suggest to any elector the name of  
543 any political party or candidate for any office. No person shall assist or  
544 offer to assist any elector in the preparation of [his] the ballot. [to be  
545 used in voting, unless appointed for that purpose by the moderator of  
546 the election.] No elector shall receive [such] assistance unless [he is  
547 physically incapable of preparing his ballot, and the moderator shall be  
548 the sole judge of such physical disability] the elector requests  
549 assistance. In such case, [of such physical disability, the moderator] the  
550 elector shall [, upon the request of the elector, appoint two electors of  
551 different parties, and such persons shall render such assistance as the  
552 elector requires in the preparation of his ballot] choose whom the  
553 elector would like to have assist him or her in casting the ballot.

554 Sec. 519. Section 9-17a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
555 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2008*):

556 As used in sections 9-17, 9-19b, 9-19c(a), 9-20, as amended by this  
557 act, 9-23a, 9-24, 9-31a, as amended by this act, [9-31b] and 9-31l, unless  
558 otherwise provided, the term "admitting official" means a town clerk,  
559 assistant town clerk, registrar of voters, deputy registrar of voters,  
560 assistant registrar of voters, special assistant registrar of voters or the  
561 board for admission of electors.

562 Sec. 520. Subsection (b) of section 9-20 of the general statutes is  
563 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
564 *October 1, 2008*):

565 (b) The applicant's statement shall be delivered to the registrars  
566 immediately and shall be kept by the registrars as a public record in a  
567 safe depository, except that no Social Security number obtained by the  
568 registrars prior to January 1, 2000, may be disclosed to the public or to  
569 any governmental agency. Any such statement of an elector whose  
570 name has been removed from the registry list for a period of at least  
571 five years may be placed on microfilm, destroyed or otherwise

572 disposed of by such registrars, in the manner provided in section 7-  
573 109. Upon the request of any elector, or if the applicant does not  
574 present a birth certificate, drivers' license or Social Security card as  
575 required by subsection (a) of this section, at the time an application is  
576 made in person to an admitting official or prior to the approval of such  
577 an application, any admitting official shall require the applicant to  
578 prove his identity, place of birth, age and bona fide residence by the  
579 testimony under oath of at least one elector or by the presentation of  
580 proof satisfactory to such admitting official. Each person found  
581 qualified shall thereupon be admitted as an elector, except as provided  
582 in sections 9-12, 9-19e, 9-19g and 9-30. The registrars may request an  
583 elector whose date of birth is missing from their records to voluntarily  
584 furnish his date of birth. Any admitting official may administer oaths  
585 in any matter coming before him under section 9-12, 9-17, 9-19b,  
586 subsection (a) of section 9-19c, section 9-19e, 9-19g, 9-23, 9-23a, 9-25, 9-  
587 31a, as amended by this act, [9-31b,] 9-31l, 9-40a or this section. Said  
588 admitting official shall prohibit any activity which interferes with the  
589 orderly process of admission of electors.

590 Sec. 521. Section 9-322a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
591 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

592 Within [~~sixty~~] fifteen days following each regular state election, the  
593 town clerk of each town divided into voting districts shall file with the  
594 Secretary of the State a consolidated listing, [in tabular or summary  
595 form] on a form prescribed by the Secretary of the State, of the official  
596 returns of each such voting district for all offices voted on at such  
597 election, including the total number of votes cast for each candidate,  
598 the total number of names on the registry list, and the total number of  
599 names checked as having voted, in each such district. Each listing filed  
600 under this section shall be retained by the Secretary of the State not  
601 less than ten years after the date of the election for which it was filed.

602 Sec. 522. (*Effective October 1, 2008*) Sections 9-31b, 9-31d, 9-58 and 9-  
603 195 of the general statutes are repealed."